

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the official action mailed on June 1, 2006, the shortened period for responding being set to expire on August 1, 2006. Claims 1-6 and 14-19 are currently pending. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-6 and 14-19 are allowable. However, the Examiner notes that claims 7-13 and 20-44 are drawn to a nonelected invention. In this regard, the Examiner has indicated that complete reply to the final objection must include cancellation of the nonelected claims.

Applicants have canceled claims 7-13 and 20-44. Therefore, Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone Applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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